

BREAKS FOR LIBERTY.

Indian Frank Big Top Breaks for Liberty, Jumping Out of Car Window.

Frank Big Top, a Black Foot Indian, aged 35 years, weighing 190 pounds, and 6 feet 2 inches high, enroute to Leavenworth military prison, under a sentence of 20 years, at Helena, Mont., for committing a statutory offense, escaped from Deputy United States Marshal J. M. Hickman and guard by jumping through a state-room window on train 44, as the train was nearing Fortes at a speed of about 40 miles an hour, about 4:30 Friday morning, Dec. 3.

The prisoner had been acting strangely, and seemed a little addled by reason of fearing that on his arrival at the prison he would be hanged. While the marshal and his deputy were packing their belongings preparatory to making a change of cars at St. Joseph, the prisoner raised the large double window of the state room and made the leap.

On striking the ground he soon gained his feet and started back up the track, but he was badly bruised about the head, arms and hands. They pulled the bell cord and stopped the train, and he and deputy started in pursuit, and coming to a farm house they stopped and made inquiry. They were told that the town of Fortes was just a little way down the track, and there they could get both telephone and telegraph connection.

They retraced their steps and went to Fortes and called up Constable Carter, who advised them to call up Sheriff Gelvin. This was done at once, and the sheriff hurried to Fortes and met the anxious marshal.

The sheriff thought it best to have a pair of bloodhounds to put on the trail, and these were telegraphed for to St. Joseph, which arrived at Fortes on train 11 about 12:30 and they were at once put to work. They took up the trail on the railroad right-of-way to the public road leading east toward Fortes, then south of Fortes and through a field, then down the rough south to the Marion section, west on the public road, thence west on the public road to the E. L. Brown place, and from here to the Missouri river, down the river east of the P. Haiser farm southeast of Fortes. Here it became so dark that the chase had to be abandoned. The party returned to Fortes, and the keeper and his dogs, and the marshal and his deputy took the St. Louis Omaha river for St. Joseph, and Sheriff Gelvin returned to his home.

About 2 o'clock Saturday morning Sheriff Gelvin received a telephone call from Mrs. Sherman Kee, living in the Nickell's Grove district, 30 miles east and 2 miles north of Oregon, that "There was a man in her house," and from her story the sheriff was inclined to the belief that it was the "wild" Indian. The sheriff accompanied by his wife, both well armed and supplied with the necessary police jewelry, hurried to the Kee home, and the sheriff found that his opinion was correct as to it being the "wanted Indian from Helena," for he found on entering the house that Sherman Kee was standing covering the man with a double barreled shotgun.

The Indian came to the Kee home late in the night, and unbeknown to them, entered the kitchen, and helped himself to what he could find to eat on the table and ransacked the refrigerator, and then entered the bedroom, which aroused the family. A struggle took place, and Mr. Kee and his brother, Frank, finally succeeded in overpowering Big Top, Mrs. Kee doing her part, and the sheriff was called.

Sheriff Gelvin, while Kee held the gun on him, safely manacled "Big Top," and he was escorted to the sheriff's car, given a back seat beside the sheriff, and the Mrs. Sheriff at the wheel, safely landed "The man in the house" in the county jail.

Sheriff Gelvin notified Marshal Hickman that he had the Indian, and the sheriff accompanied by Judge H. M. Dungan, took him to St. Joseph, and delivered the prisoner to the marshal, who in turn delivered him to the warden of the Federal prison at Leavenworth, and Big Top is now beginning to serve his 20-year sentence.

A Worthy Cause.

Miss Hortense Dungan, of this city, is a vice-president of the St. Joseph Sheltering Arms, and considerable interest is being shown here among the charitably inclined, looking to the help of these unfortunate little ones. Miss Hortense is being aided by Mrs. Wallace Dawson, Mrs. Wm. Morris, Miss Honnie Brodbeck, Mrs. Fred Philbrick and others. They are working in divisions and on the endless chain plan, and seem to be accomplishing much good. T. C. Dungan has sent forward a few barrels of fruit and other supplies, that will doubtless be appreciated by these parentless little ones. Get in touch with Miss Dungan.

An Old Resident.

Robert Marion, now 73 years old was in town, recently enjoying a visit with his daughter, Mrs. Aut Curry. He is well preserved, and enjoys life as well as the average of his fellow man, for one of his years. His father located in what is now the Marion district, many years ago, and for whom the old district was named.

Robert was born in Knox county, Ohio, August 4th, 1842, and came to Holt county, 71 years ago, and has lived in the Marion section ever since he came to the county. He has



MR. AND MRS. ROBERT MARION

farmed all his life with the exception of the three years that he served in the Union army as a member of Company Fifth M. S. M. Cavalry.

His wife was Miss Frances Markwell, who was born in Park county, Indiana, September 2, 1848. She came with her parents to Nodaway county, Mo., in 1857. On November 25, 1865, these two united their fortunes, and have journeyed side by side along life's path way these fifty years. The wedding took place in the old town of Florence. They are the parents of six daughters and one son, all now living at home. Mrs. Marie Lenny, Kansas City, Kansas; Mrs. Ida Curry, Oregon; Mrs. Daisy Davidson, Holt county; Mrs. Birda Markum, David City, Neb.; Mrs. Ella Young, Studley, Kans.; Mrs. Carrie Perry, who died in 1914. They are also the grand parents to 17 grandchildren.

About Completed.

The Oregon board of education made settlement Monday of this week with W. L. Schrage, the contractor for the erection of Oregon's new high school building. Wm. H. Schrage, of Kansas City, the architect was here and made inspection of the work, pronounced the building had been erected in strict accordance with the specifications, and the workmanship in every respect was done in a first class manner.

The contract price was \$150,000, but extra work had been done by order of the board amounting to \$922, bringing the cost up to \$150,922, not including the plumbing which cost \$3,400, grounds, \$3,700, seating \$1,000, walks, grading and other incidentals will bring the cost up to the full amount of the \$150,000 bonds voted.

This with the present splendid grade school building will bring the Oregon school property up to a conservative valuation of \$600,000. Both of these buildings are modern in every way, and is only another evidence of Oregon's progressiveness.

The contract was let to Mr. Schrage on June 31 and he began the construction of the building the middle of July, and turns over the building as to his part of the work on December 31. He came here and camped on his job, giving it his personal attention in every detail, and so far as we know, all interested—the tax payers, are fully satisfied with the work he has done. The school board also gave personal attention to the work being done, and it is a gratification to know that the board and Mr. Schrage acted in perfect harmony during the construction and at no time were they far apart on any detail, even in minor matters. Both seemed to know what was right and they heeded to that line all the time.

Another excellent feature of Mr. Schrage's work was the fact, that most all, if not all, the material was purchased from local dealers, and local workmen were employed when possible to get them. The painting was done by a local firm, Freeman & Greene, and other mechanics found work on the building.

The plumbing is not yet quite finished, and the furniture is yet to be placed; these will be completed in time for the building to be occupied immediately following the holiday vacation, when on Monday, January 3d, 1916, the freshmen, the sophomores, the juniors and seniors of the Oregon High school, will begin their work in the High school building, one of the best in Northwest Missouri.

—Harry Lasell and wife, of Maitland, were Sunday visitors with Mrs. L. S. grandmother, Mrs. Margaret Collins, and uncle, Will Collins.

Ladies' Winter Coats in the new 1915-16 styles at greatly reduced prices.
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See the Cut Glass at Phillips' Drug Store.

—A few Red Polled Bull Calves for sale. Call on **AUT CURRY.**

—You will find a large assortment of Hooks and Nibbles at Phillips' Drug Store.

—Matt Eller has been confined to his home the past week from a severe case of tonsillitis.

—John Reeves, wife and Miss Kathryn drove to St. Joseph Sunday, and spent the day.

—Ed Dunham has added a new and up-to-date type-writer to his office equipment as circuit clerk.

—Toilet Cases, Work Boxes, Manicure Sets, Postcard Albums, Medallions, Etc., at Phillips' Drug Store.

—A few Duroc Jersey male hogs for sale, also one aged boy.

EDWARD FUERNAN.

—E. R. Melton, of Union township, was here for a day or two last week, visiting his niece, Mrs. E. A. Dunham.

—Jimmie Cain, of the Lincoln district, has been a very sick man, Dr. Wood tells us, but at this time is some better.

—Meyer Post, G. A. R., will hold its next meeting at the home of Daniel Kunkel, Sr., on Saturday, January 1st, 1916.

—Mrs. William Kneale, of New Point, has rented the Anderson property, recently vacated by Dr. Kearney.

—Lost—Key ring and five keys on road between Oregon and Fortescue Sunday, November 25. Finder, please return to this office.

—William Seeman, of Los Angeles, California, is here enjoying a visit with his mother, brother George and sister, Mrs. Levi Schulte.

—We should certainly have a delightful February for the first three days of December, were all that one could wish for winter days.

—G. D. "Cap" Clumming and Samuel Brown, of Arkansas, near Fortescue and Big Lake, had business in Oregon Friday of last week.

—Miss Mildred Taylor, of Craig, who has been the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Gerald King, of this city, returned to her home this week.

—F. E. Taylor and wife and little one, of Mound City, were here Sunday, visiting with friends. Their nephew, Fred Hass, of Wisconsin, accompanied them.

—The Oregon Canning Co. has sold 500 cases of their corn pack, this year, to the Idaho Wholesale Grocery House at Portello, Idaho, and shipped one car load, Dec. 3.

—F. S. Morgan has returned to Kansas City, where he and wife will spend the winter with their daughter, Mrs. Will Hill, whom we regret to learn is in very poor health.

—G. W. Cummins and wife have returned from Humboldt, Nebraska, where they visited for a few weeks with their daughter and husband, Rev. Seelig and wife.

—Money to loan on good, safe Missouri River bottom farms, at 6 percent semi-annual interest, with a reasonable commission.

Geo. S. Lukens.

—Dolls, Doll Buggies, Doll Trunks, Doll Beds, Toy Tea Sets, Toy Sewing Machines, Toy Brooms, Tool Chests, Stoves, Automobiles, Mechanical Toys, Games and Toys of all kinds at Phillips' Drug Store.

—The case of the state vs. C. W. Craig, Euclid, John and William Dodson on the charge of assault with intent to kill John C. Hinkle, near Fortescue, on Thanksgiving, and which was set for hearing Monday, of this week, was continued to today, Friday, December 10th.

—Esther, the bright little six-year old daughter of Ed A. Dunham and wife, went up to Craig and spent a couple of days with her uncle, S. E. Judy and family. Henry Danksers went along, going to Corning, and when Esther got off at Craig, she told Henry not to get off the cars until the train stopped.

—Tom Kyger, who was over at Nortonville, Kans., recently, tells us he had the pleasure of meeting E. S. Eyerly, who is living in town, but owns a farm near by, which is managed by his son. Eyerly was Holt county's superintendent of schools in 1872-4, and issued Hon. H. T. Alkire his first certificate to teach school.

—Dr. Geo. K. Hibbard and wife, of Fillmore, were in Oregon, Friday of last week, to see his brother, John M., who has been on the sick-list, but who is now reported some better, we are glad to learn, and also to see his father, Judge Geo. W. Hibbard, whom we are sorry to learn does not show much improvement in his condition.

—The Ed. Foster sale, Thursday of last week, Dec. 2 drew a good crowd, and stock sold well. The sale totalled about \$2,300. Col. P. M. Babb kept the crowd in a good humor, and secured good prices, as the following will attest: One span of mules, coming nine years old, brought \$400; one male hog brought \$35, and one gilt, \$34; three-year-old heifers, averaged \$50; one span two-year-old colts sold for \$250, and summer calves sold for \$25 per head straight through.

County School Notes.

The name of the school in the north-west corner of the county is Hogrefe. Here Miss Una Thompson teaches a nice little school of 24 pupils. The superintendent spent last Tuesday morning in this school. She remembers perfectly well when the teacher was one of her little first-graders in the Craig school—this was in the year 1903-04.

Just south of Hogrefe is Marietta school district; this is a part of the Consolidated District, No. 4, which was organized last spring. Miss Pinkweiner, a young lady from Graham, teaches here with ten pupils. Here Mrs. Murphy spent the afternoon, driving after four o'clock to Craig, where she was delightfully entertained by Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Judy.

Wednesday morning, the superintendent drove to Wild Rose, taking the teacher, Miss Etta VanVickle, with her. There is a nice new school house in this district, which takes the place of the building that was burned last year.

At noon a long drive was made to New Liberty school, in Consolidated District, No. 1, where the superintendent arrived shortly before one o'clock. The enrollment here is 19. The school house is nicely decorated, and the children seem interested. Miss Josephine Wilson is the teacher—this is her second term here.

Thursday afternoon, a second visit was made to the Forbes primary school. The little faces of the pupils looked very familiar to the superintendent, she having taught them for the greater part of a day a couple of weeks ago.

Friday morning was very pleasantly spent in the Wilson school, of which Miss Stanton is teacher. 20 pupils are enrolled, 21 of whom were present.

In the afternoon we drove to Baker. The river has made terrible inroads into this part of the country, and the school property has had to suffer. The superintendent would like to recommend to the patrons and directors of this district that they select a new site for the school grounds and erect a new school building.

The superintendent has just learned of the wedding of two of her former school children in the Elk Lake neighborhood, which took place in St. Joseph, one day last week—Frances Gaffney and Stanley Kruse. Miss Gaffney, the bride, is a very charming young lady, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Gaffney, of the Mt. Hope district. Mr. Kruse, the groom, is an excellent young man of sterling character, the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Kruse. May their life be a happy one and may they influence for good all those with whom they may come in contact.

ALBERTA GREEN-MURPHY,
County Superintendent.

At The Depot.

A good business was done at the Interurban depot during the month of November, and Agent Morgan and his crew of men were a very busy lot of fellows. There were 31 carloads received, and 21 sent out.

The total tonnage handled coming in was 26,987½ pounds, and going out 47,063 pounds; a total of 74,050½ pounds. Express handled 38,114 pounds; cream shipped 280 gallons and 1925 passengers. The carload lots consisted of:

RECEIVED:
Lumber.....5 Ice.....1
Plaster.....1 Cement.....2
Sand.....5 Cattle.....2
Coal.....8 Hogs.....1
Oil.....2 Flour.....2
Hay.....1 Total.....31
Tie.....1

FORWARDED:
Hogs.....15 Cattle.....6
Total.....21

Evangelical Church.

There will be preaching at Oregon, in the evening, next Sunday, and at Nickell's Grove in the morning.

—E. O. Phillips' Drug Store for a complete line of Xmas presents.

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The Sixty-Fourth Congress.

The sixty-fourth congress convened Monday, of this week. Champ Clark, the idol of Missouri Democracy was again chosen speaker. 2,000 bills and resolutions were introduced, and the budget of appropriations asks for an increase of \$170,000,000 over that of the last previous estimate. Among the many bills introduced, a large number provide for national defense. Since the strife of 1912, there have been a number of conspicuous figures returned and will answer roll call at this session; among these are Joseph Cannon, of Illinois. The president's message was submitted Tuesday, and the body will not be in good working order before Monday next.

Attention Comrades.

The December meeting of Meyer Post will be held at the home of Daniel Kunkel, Sr., on Saturday afternoon, January 1st, 1916, at 2 o'clock. Members of the Post are urged to be present.

F. S. MORGAN, Adjutant.

Matinee Prize Winners.

Fred Dreier was awarded the \$5.00 prize, given by the Oregon Merchants' Matinee Club, at the Royal Theatre, last Saturday, for making the largest purchases from the club members. He purchased goods of Dawson Campbell Clothing Co., C. W. King and the Pitts-Bunker Merc. Co. Mrs. Arlie Barnes, of Maitland, was awarded the \$3.00 prize for coming the longest distance. She made purchases of E. E. Weary, photographer.

A Draw Match.

Lewis Hoffman, of Topeka, Kansas, and Perry Milton, of Albany, Mo., entertained the "wrestling fans," at the Gem Theatre, Thursday evening of last week, in one of the best exhibitions that has ever been seen here. They seemed evenly matched, and wrestled an hour and thirty minutes without a fall. Clare Culp, of this city, and Cecil Robertson, of Fillmore, staged the preliminary, and they, too, seemed so evenly matched that neither were able to get a fall in thirty minutes.